provision for adult education is earmarked for the NER. The details of the allocation for the NER during the first two years of the 10th Plan are given below :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Annual Plan outlay for Adult Education	Allocation for NER
2002-03	233.00	23.30
2003-04	233.00	23.30

Statement

Details of Amount Spent for adult education in NER

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No.	States	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.67	—	—	—	—
2.	Assam	86.97	210.61	332.99	166.15	106.34
3.	Manipur	17.94	25.55	8.70	2.61	7.50
4.	Meghalaya	16.85	36.00	12.50	25.50	33.88
5.	Mizoram	34.23	49.52	—	59.40	131.80
6.	Nagaland	32.36	27.88	—	—	—
7.	Sikkim	—	—	—	—	—
8.	Tripura	31.00	41.32	10.00	30.50	421.05
	TOTAL	223.02	390.88	364.19	284.16	700.57

Permission to foreign scholars

5199. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry's approval will be necessary before a foreign scholar can take up any study/research on any Indian subject; and

(b) if so, what purpose will it serve to our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines for approval of study/research by foreign scholar in India have been formulated keeping in view the security and sensitivity angle in mind.